

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Cam, Upshur, Gregg, and Smith counties; Gregg, the returning county.—John Martin Duncan, of Longview, Gregg county, was born near Lawrenceberg, Lawrence county, Tennessee, on February 7, 1851; came to Texas in 1858, and located near Jefferson, Marion county; learned the trade of a brick mason, under his father; worked and went to school alternately; in 1871–2 studied law at Jefferson in the office of John C. Stallcup, now of Denver, Colorado; admitted to the bar in 1872, and moved to Longview in the following year, where he has since practiced his profession; was elected county attorney of Gregg county, February 15, 1876, by a majority of two to one over the combined vote of his opponents, but the office paying nothing, resigned after serving about four months; was not old enough to join the army, but worked for the Confederate government, at Nash Iron Works during the war; was elected Senator on the fifth of November, 1878, as an Independent Democrat, by a majority of about 1500 over R. S. Chadick, of Upshur county (Democratic nominee), and J. M. Purdu (Greenbacker), of Gregg county. Term expires November, 1882.